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Coffee County Sheriff's Office adds inmate roster to website

The Coffee County Sheriff's Office launched a website March 31, 2015 and now announces the addition of an inmate roster to the site.

The community is invited to visit the site at <https://www.CoffeeSO.us/roster-choose> to view the

new inmate roster. Having the inmate roster online will allow the public to view photos and booking details for individuals in the detention center as well as those released within the last 48 hours, according to Chief Deputy R.W. Whitworth.

"We encourage everyone in our community to sign up for our alert notifications

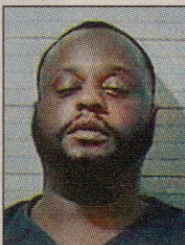
(<https://www.CoffeeSO.us/alerts> signup) via text and/or email - inmate roster alert notifications will be sent out daily with booking information from the last 24 hours," he said.

For more information about the website, contact the Sheriff's Office at 334-894-5535 or visit <https://www.CoffeeSO.us>.

According to CCSO inmate roster

Elba man arrested Saturday, April 20th, by Enterprise Police on multiple charges

According to information from the Coffee County Sheriff's Office inmate roster, Bobby Ordon, age 34, of Elba, Ala., was arrested Saturday night, April 20, by Enterprise Police on multiple charges.



Ordon was charged with promoting prison contraband - second degree [\$7,500 bond]; possession of a controlled substance [\$7,500 bond]; disorderly conduct [\$500 bond]; and public intoxication [\$500 bond]. He was released from the Coffee County Jail on bond Sunday, April 21, at 7:45 p.m.

Coffee County Commission proclaims April as Child Abuse Prevention Month

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission met Monday morning, April 22, and

commissioners approved spending just over \$200,000 to accommodate the growing roll-off service at the county landfill.

Environmental services director Mike Thornton said the roll-off service at the county landfill had grown more than expected this year, and he requested the purchase of five 30-yard containers and five 20-yard containers for a total cost of \$51,242. He said these would be purchased off the Sourcewell bid, a national joint purchasing agreement for governmental entities.

Commissioners voted to purchase the new roll-off containers as requested.

In line with that, Thornton also said the county needed a new roll-off truck due to the growth of the program. He said the county could purchase a Kenworth roll-off truck off the Sourcewell bid agreement for \$152,023. This too was approved by commissioners.

County administrator Rod Morgan noted the Zion Chapel Senior Citizens

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Sheriff warns citizens of ongoing phone scams

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Sheriff Dave Sutton raised flags Monday morning, April 22, for ongoing telephone scams running rampant in the area, and he encouraged citizens to be mindful of the scams, especially the elderly.

"It seems like our elderly people still are being targeted heavily with scams," Sheriff Sutton said.

He said many of these scam calls utilize local numbers these days to make it seem legit to the elderly. He said this is known as spoofing, as these scammers are purchasing the rights to use local numbers to make their call seem like it is legit.

The sheriff discussed a scam that had been reported to his office earlier Monday morning where he said the victim had been taken for \$7,000 by a scammer that pretended to be

calling on behalf of the Coffee County Sheriff's Office. He said the scammer even used his name as well as the names of some of his staff.

"These names are easily available," Sutton said. "However, we do not solicit money to pay off warrants over the telephone. We will not do this."

The sheriff said the scammer convinced the victim there were warrants out for his arrest, and if he did not pay the money he would be arrested and warrants also would be issued for his wife's arrest.

"This scared him so bad that he started getting money off his credit cards," Sutton said. "Again, this is not how our office operates."

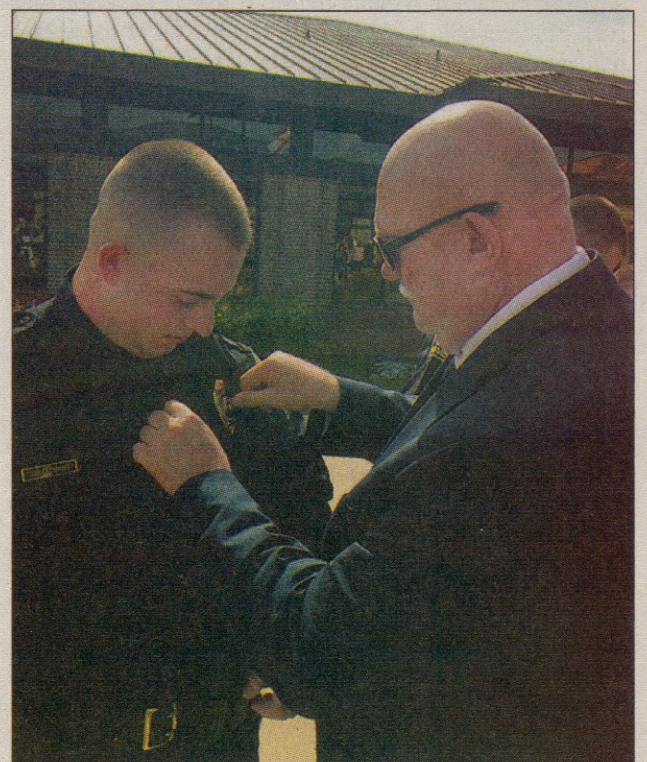
In reference to another type scam call, Sutton said he, himself, recently received a call indicating he had been charged with fraud regarding his Social

Security account. He said this did not go over well with him, but unfortunately, some people can be fooled because the scammers can make it seem so real.

A third scam the sheriff mentioned regarding income taxes. He said a scammer will try and convince the victim that he/she will get their refund quicker if they pay a certain amount of money to the caller. Again, he said this is not legit.

"Folks, if you've got a question, call us or your local law enforcement office," Sutton said. "Do not fall prey to these scammers, and never offer personal information over the telephone."

The sheriff further suggested simply hanging up on these people or blow a whistle into the phone receiver. He said these things might get their attention quickly.



OFFICER COMPLETES POLICE ACADEMY...Elba Police Chief Leslie Hussey, Lt. Russ Young, and Sgt. Wesley Hazel attended the Police Academy graduation Thursday, April 18, for new Elba Police Officer Joshua Sullivant in Selma, Ala. Officer Sullivant completed the 13-week academy training, and began his field training in Elba on Saturday, April 20, working with Sgt. Hazel. Above, Chief Hussey is shown pinning Sullivant's badge to his uniform during the graduation ceremony. Hussey said it was his honor to be able to perform this task.

Elba Police Chief introduces new officer during city council meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Elba Police Chief Leslie Hussey introduced the department's newest officer to council members Monday evening, April 22, during the Elba City Council meeting.

Hussey said Officer Joshua Sullivant had graduated from the police academy last week, and he had the honor of pinning Sullivant's badge onto his uniform during a graduation ceremony held in Selma, Ala. He said Sullivant began his on-duty 'ride-along' training last weekend with Elba Police.

In a give and take scenario, Hussey said the addition of Sullivant to the police staff was met with Officer Robert Seagle leaving Elba to go to work with the Coffee County Sheriff's Office. He said Seagle would continue to do some part-time work for Elba, but he is now full-time for the county.

When asked about the status of officer shortage for the police department, Hussey said the staff was short by four officers as of Monday night.

"It fluctuates regularly between three and four," Hussey said. "We're hiring quality people, but at the same time, we lose some because of the better pay and or benefits they can receive with other depart-

ments. At some point, we need to stop the bleeding if we can to try and stop this losing quality officers to other area departments."

In example, Hussey said Officer Seagle was going to be able to save over \$200 per month with the sheriff's office because of insurance benefits for family coverage.

The chief said hopefully the department and city heads could come together on a plan in the near future to better address this ongoing problem.

He did note that he may be looking at sending two more candidates to the police academy in the near future.

In other news from the police department, Hussey said officers were investigating an incident from Monday afternoon that he referred to as a cutting/stabbing. He said he called it that because in his many years of law enforcement he had seen enough to feel good about knowing a cutting/stabbing when he sees it. However, the chief said the victim claimed to have fallen across a fence.

Hussey said the incident occurred in the area of Reynolds Street.

He also noted the dispatch area of the police department is undergoing a renovation, and this work should take only a few weeks.



The first phase of the City of Elba's LWCF [Land and Water Conservation Fund] Hawkins-Williams Park Improvement grant project was completed last week with a new playground being constructed at the recreation park (shown above). Recreation director Greg Hanchey said the playground already is being heavily used by youngsters at the ballfields each night for the youth softball/baseball seasons, which are currently underway in Elba. This is only one phase of the improvement project for Hawkins-Williams Park, and project engineer DeAnn Grantham said the other phases are expected to start construction in the fall of this year.

Elba City Council discusses adding a volleyball and tetherball court each to Summerlyn Park

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Elba City Council meeting held Monday evening, April 22, council members discussed possible uses for \$10,000 that had been budgeted for the recreation department's summer program that had since been freed by a grant received for that summer program.

Mayor Mickey Murdock said a recent \$30,000 grant received by the Elba Recreation Department for the summer program would allow the city to take the \$10,000 it had previously budgeted for the program and use that money for

other recreational projects.

The mayor suggested taking approximately \$5,000, as estimated, to install a volleyball court and a tetherball court at Summerlyn Park [located by the Pea River bridge boat ramp area in downtown Elba]. He said this park needed additional recreational activity options, and it had been discussed that adding the volleyball court and tetherball court might be ideal.

Also, the mayor said he was proposing to add a sandbox for small children at Summerlyn Park as well.

Council member Jane Brunson added that her

only suggestion would be to make sure the sandbox had a cover on it to prevent it from becoming a large cat litter box.

Assistant city clerk Pat Boothe said that would be taken into consideration.

As for the other \$5,000 of the funds being discussed, Murdock said this could be used with some additional funding to purchase three shades to be installed at the Splash Pad. He said the shades recommended by recreation director Greg Hanchey were \$2,500 each.

The mayor said there had

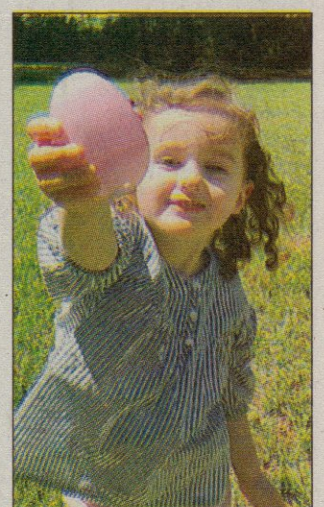
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Area Happenings

THE APRIL 2019 MEETING FOR THE DAY WIREGRASS CHAPTER 92, located in New Brockton, Ala., will be held Thursday, April 25, at 6 p.m. at the New Brockton Senior Center. For further information, contact Charles Lobdell at 334-718-5707.

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL WAS CHOSEN AS AN OFFICIAL ALABAMA BICENTENNIAL SCHOOL this year! The community is invited to join the students to celebrate Alabama and Elba on Tuesday, April 30, at 3:30 at Elba High School for an oral history presentation of Elba's flood history, as well as, a short play by Elba High School students and a presentation of some of the student projects. There will be snacks and refreshments!

THE ELBA POLICE DEPARTMENT ANIMAL CONTROL DIVISION will sponsor a Rabies Clinic from 9 a.m. until 12 noon Saturday, May 4, at Legion Field in Elba [under the pavilion]. Legion Field is located on Neil Grantham Drive. The cost is \$12 per animal.



EASTER FUN! Lily Daniels, age 3, enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunt held at her church Saturday, April 20th. Lots of youngsters had fun participating in the tradition of hunting those candy-filled and/or boiled eggs over the holiday weekend.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Worrying is like a rocking chair. It gives you something to do but it doesn't get you anywhere." - Van Wilder

A popular thing with wantabe politicians this year is the idea of forgiveness of all outstanding college loan debts. It sounds inviting but would only increase the federal deficit by those many dollars. It would also upset those who had the student loans but sacrificed a lot and actually paid the borrowed money back before retirement time. The bottom line according to those in the know about Washington is that such a proposal has about a zero chance of passing anytime in the foreseeable future. If that is the case, then such political talk is giving false hope to all of those loan holders, and especially those former students with the loans who might be trying to 'pay ahead' on their outstanding balance. Now they are openly wondering if they should stop this normally smart financial move and wait for 'the government' to forgive their debt. Apparently this is an American dream that will be shattered . . . oh so slowly, but completely.

We were talking with an Elba lady one day recently about storms and always hoping they go the other way. Her confession was that she would do that and then feel guilty when it actually happened. Her guilt was that by wishing the storm would skip her, she was somehow expressing a feeling that she deserves better treatment than all those other people. It was refreshing for us to hear someone else confess those feelings because our thoughts tend to go along the same lines. . . yet we have until now kept them in the recesses of our ole brain - maybe too embarrassed to admit our feelings.

It is scary to review the numbers on the annual spending on Social Security, Medicare, etc. The numbers indicate the Social Security program cost \$853 billion (note that is with a B) each year, plus \$147 billion for disability checks, Medicare hospital, outpatient care and prescription drugs cost \$740 billion. These total 45% of the annual federal budget. Now SS is in theory self-supporting but constant tinkering by the politicians has eroded that considerably and it is fast approaching the point of actually being another total burden on the U. S. Treasury. Oh by the way, the U. S. Treasury is now \$22 trillion in the hole and digging deeper every day.

It appears that Alabama voters will actually vote on a lottery bill sometime within the next year. One of the two lottery bills in the hopper was scheduled for a committee hearing on Tuesday of this week and maybe a full House of Representatives vote on Thursday. We don't know the fine details of this bill but on the surface it just allows Alabama citizens to buy paper lottery tickets without going out of state. As long as it does not have some hidden benefits reserved for lawmaker's friends, we see no reason for opposing the bill. It is foolish to sit by and let Florida, Georgia and Mississippi reap the benefits from those Alabamians who are going to buy the tickets anyway.

The unemployment rate in the Wiregrass is a fairly low category but not the very lowest in the state. Coffee County is at 3.8%, Geneva at 3.7%, Covington is higher at 4.7% and Pike has 4.6%. Crenshaw ties with Coffee at the 3.8%, and Houston is at 4.1%. Morgan, Marshall and Shelby all beat the Wiregrass with 3.3%, 3.2% and 2.8% respectively. Statewide employment is up with more people on the payroll than this time last year and 19,900 jobs still available.

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We want the stories to match. Especially Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. But when one is different from another, what does it mean? Is the Bible wrong?

This question arises with one of the most easily remembered moments in the Bible. It's eight days after Easter. Jesus has met with the disciples on Easter Sunday, but Thomas isn't there. When Thomas hears the news, he famously says, "Unless I...put my finger into the print of the nails...I will not believe."

So on this eighth day, Jesus appears to the eleven and says to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at my hands, and reach your hand here and put it into My side."

Thomas painfully answers Him, "My Lord, and my God!" (John 20:25ff NKJV)

It's moving, seeing Thomas face his shame—Jesus had died for him and he'd refused to believe.

Here's the interesting part. This story appears only in John's Gospel, and John paints Easter Sunday as glowing. Mary comes and tells the disciples of the resurrection, and the disciples later have a happy reunion with Jesus. (John 20:18-22)

Except that's probably not what happened.

According to Mark and Luke, the disciples didn't believe Mary. Luke says they call her words "idle tales," and when Jesus comes on Easter Sunday, He scolds the disciples for their disbelief. (Luke 24:11 NKJV, Mark 16:11,14)

Does that mean John's Gospel is wrong?

The Bible is never wrong. What's there is what God intends to be there.

But didn't Thomas get a raw deal? He hasn't done anything the others didn't do. And look at the only

disciple telling on Thomas—John, who isn't willing to tell on himself. It looks pretty bad, like John is throwing Thomas under the bus.

Stop and consider this. Why did John write his Gospel? What's in his heart? Here's a big clue.

John leaves out Jesus' words on the cross, "My God, My God why have you forsaken me?"

Why? Perhaps because, then as now, those words had been misconstrued. No one points out that Jesus uses an ancient Hebrew word for God at that moment. Now why would Jesus suddenly do that?

He's quoting word for word an ancient Hebrew verse 1,000 years old. It's the first line of a Psalm. The first line was customarily used at that time to identify the whole Psalm.

Why was that Psalm important to Jesus? Because it proclaims victory in Christ. That's the point!

But John knew those words could trip up many who didn't know Hebrew, so John uses prophecy from that Psalm to connect Jesus to it, staying true to our Lord.

John dearly loved Jesus. He likely felt that telling everything about Easter Sunday—the disciples' tears and disbelief—might cause others to doubt.

But John includes that painful story of Thomas' shame because it gives John the chance to tell us

one of the most important things Jesus said, "Blessed are those who do not see and yet believe."

John is focused on belief. He says, "These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God." John 20:31

When stories in the Bible don't match, there's a reason. As I said, the Bible is never wrong. What's there is what God intends to be there.

Jesus taught in parables, explaining the meaning to the disciples but not to the crowds. It seems unfair, but Jesus explains by simply saying, "To the one who has, more will be given...but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away." And then Jesus quotes prophecy: "They hardly hear with their ears and they have closed their eyes." (Matthew 13:11-17 ESV, Isaiah 6:9)

It's still true. I am amazed at the hard and fast positions Christians take having little more to go on than a few words of Bible. Present them with Scripture to the contrary and their minds are like hard, steel traps.

On the other hand, someone recently said to me, "You can't know Scripture unless you go to seminary." Not so. We seek to understand like everyone else, and if we get it wrong we're held to a much higher standard.

Study the word of God with prayer. Offer Him a sincere and submissive

heart. He will show you more and more, deepening your walk with Christ.

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WARNING!!

Be aware of telephone scams circulating through the area! Local law enforcement officials urge citizens to never provide personal information to anyone over the telephone. If ever in doubt, contact your local law enforcement agency!!

Elba Police Report

There were five traffic citations and 14 traffic warnings [verbal and written] issued by Elba Police officers during the time-frame of April 15 -18.

MONDAY, APR. 15 – Officers responded to a 2-vehicle wreck on Hwy. 203 (7:06 a.m.); Officers responded to a report of a suspicious individual at a business on Hwy. 203 – individual asked to leave the property (9:01 a.m.); Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the wood line of a business on Hwy. 203 – individual was advised to leave the property (9:09 a.m.); Officers assisted Coffee County units with a single vehicle wreck on Hwy 189 S and County Rd 417 (11:05 p.m.).

TUESDAY, APR. 16 – Officers responded to a residence on Payne St in reference to a male subject trespassing and setting fires on the property – subject was advised to leave the area and not return (2:19 a.m.); Officers responded to the Travel Center on Hwy 203 in reference to patrons of the business complaining of a male subject loitering and disturbing the peace – officers advised the employees of the business the subject was okay to be at the business and stated he was not doing anything wrong (5:11 a.m.); Officers responded to the report of a motor vehicle accident in the area of Hwy 87 N and Cedar Lane Dr (10:06 a.m.); Officers responded to a residence on Taylor Ave in reference to a possible domestic altercation – officers advised no domestic altercation at this residence (1:32 p.m.); Officers responded to a residence on

Smith Ave in reference to a report of harassment (1:45 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, APR. 17 – Harassment reported in area of Claxton Ave (5:25 p.m.); Unwanted guest reported in area of Williams Ave – subject left the area (5:45 p.m.); Report of an unwanted guest at a residence on County Rd 243 – subject left the area (8:22 p.m.); Officers provided lift assist for Haynes Ambulance at the Elba Nursing Home (11:19

p.m.). **THURSDAY, APR. 18** – Verbal altercation reported at a residence in the area of Reese Ave (3:08 p.m.); Suspicious person reported in area of Hwy 203 – subject advised to leave the area (9:35 p.m.); Report of a suspicious person at the EMS building in area of Buford St – officers made contact and realized the subject was in need of medical attention and EMS was advised of the subject at the building (9:42 p.m.).

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Above: The seniors at the New Hope Senior Citizens Center enjoyed the music of the Boll Weevil Cowpen Creek Band last Thursday during their Easter celebration, and several of the seniors are pictured here with band leader Alfred McLean.

Right: Thomas Brown was the winner of the Easter basket drawing held by senior center director Conzuella Banks.

New Hope Senior Center hosts Easter celebration for members

The seniors at the New Hope Senior Citizens Center celebrated Easter together Thursday, April 18, with entertainment by the Boll Weevil Cowpen Creek Band and a Weevil Dancer.

Alfred McLean sang many familiar songs while his wife, Kaye McLean, danced to the tunes. Mr. McLean was accompanied by band member Tony Bowers in performing.

"We were so thrilled to have them," said center director Conzuella Banks.

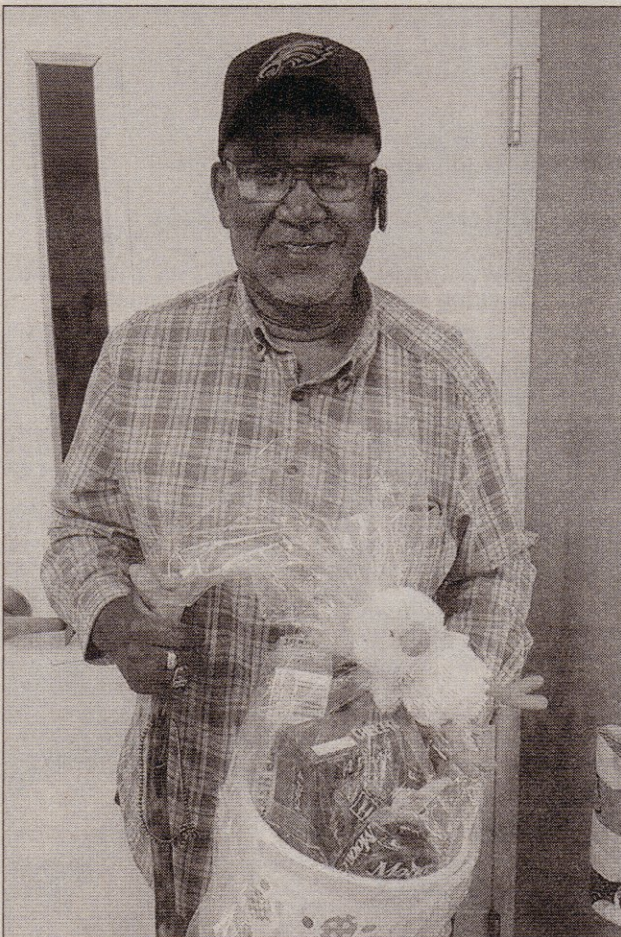
The seniors also enjoyed food, music and fellowship.

Banks held a drawing for an Easter basket full of goodies, and the winner of this was Mr. Thomas Brown.

The New Hope Senior Center invites seniors to join the fun and activities for the center!

Hours of operation for the Center are 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. on weekdays. Activities include: bingo, dominoes, exercise, monthly birthday celebration, monthly outings, singing, and more.

For more information, contact Banks at (334) 735-5433.



Zion Chapel Alumni Association plans concert for Saturday, April 27th

The Zion Chapel Alumni Association will sponsor a concert Saturday, April 27, at the Zion Chapel Schools Gym, with a meet and greet beginning at 5:30 p.m. for all alumni, as well as, present and past teachers.

The concert begins at 7 p.m. featuring "The Renegades" an original band organized in the late 70's early 80's with then basketball coach Mike Lindsey and band director Randal Myers and past students Ricky Nicholson, Ronny Green, Ronny Shiver [a local musician now playing in Panama City Beach] and Richard and Lessa Hider.

The Renegades will be playing 80's country and rock 'n roll.

All alumni, teachers, family of members, and anyone else wanting to be entertained is welcome to attend this concert! There will be plenty of seating but bringing a folding chair [to



Zion Chapel's "The Renegades" back together after 30 years! The original band members will perform together Saturday night at the Zion Chapel Schools gym in a concert presented by the Zion Chapel Alumni Association. All original members will be at the concert. They are: Mike Lindsey, Randal Myers, Ricky Nicholson, Ronny Green, Ronny Shiver, Richard Hider and Lessa Hider.

be more comfortable] is also welcome.

Members of the band boosters will be grilling hamburgers with chips and

a drink, as well as, offering other concessions during the concert.

Admission will be \$5 each and children under 10

will be admitted free when accompanied by an adult. There will be a silent auction also.

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been several requests to add shading at the Splash Pad, and he felt this would be an appropriate use for the funds.

While giving her clerk's report to the council, Boothe said the street department had been busy recently in completing a few of the demolition projects recently advertised for structures not up to code. She said the structure at 941 Claxton Avenue had been taken down, and the lot had been leveled and grassed.

At 581 Neil Grantham Drive, Boothe said the structure had been torn down on Monday and materials were expected to be hauled off on Tuesday prior to the leveling and grassing work.

Boothe reported that annual 'mosquito' spraying had begun for the city.

Also, she said the Elba Senior Citizens Center had seen an uptick in participation recently. Boothe said center director Donna Falls had reported that meals [for both homebound and walk-

ins] had increased from 45 to 55 per day at the center.

Council members approved an ordinance repealing another ordinance from 1968 during Monday evening's meeting.

Ordinance 04222019 [which can be read in its entirety on Page 6 in the legal section] repeals Code of Ordinance 1968, Section 66-1, regarding the street superintendent for the city.

Since 1968, the street superintendent had been an appointed position, at the pleasure of the city council.

Murdock said by law the only positions required to be appointed by the mayor and council are police chief and city clerk. He said others could be added, but for a city the size of Elba, he did not see a reason for it.

"We don't know of a good reason for having the street department superintendent be an appointed position when other department heads, besides the police chief and city clerk, are not," Murdock said. "We've got a good guy

now, in my opinion, and he was already working with us prior to having to be appointed."

Council member Jane Brunson said she agreed that it made sense to be consistent in what the city is doing regarding its employees.

After a brief discussion, the council voted unanimously to repeal the ordinance requiring the street superintendent to be appointed.

Also during Monday evening's meeting, the mayor noted some funding areas that needed to be discussed more in-depth by the council, and the group

agreed to meet for a work session on Thursday, May 2, at 6 p.m.

In reviewing the financials, Murdock said the city had a really good month for March. Also, he said both revenues and expenditures look good for the year-to-date comparison at this point. He said all-in-all he was pleased with the financials for the year so far.

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DENNIS RANDALL JOHNSON

Mr. Dennis Randall "Randy" Johnson, age 51, of Kinston, Ala., died Tuesday, April 16, 2019.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 19, 2019, at Sorrells Funeral Home in Enterprise. Memorial donations can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Randy was born December 10, 1967 in Montgomery, Ala. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, JC Creech, and grandparents, AJ and Inez Johnson.

Survivors include his wife, of 21 years: Patsy Hall Johnson, Kinston; daughter: Keisha Watson, Jack, Ala.; sons: Daniel Senn (Merisa), Jack, Scotty Johnson (Callie), Kinston; mother: Janey Money, Enterprise, Ala.; father and stepmother: Bobby Wayne and Sherry Johnson, Crosby, Miss.; sisters: Stephanie Johnson, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Ginger Wimberly (Guy), Prattville, Ala.; brother: Wayne Johnson (Vicky), Crosby, Miss.; and his grandchildren: Adison Watson and Riggs Senn.

LARRY MICHAEL DAVIS

Mr. Larry Michael Davis, age 66, a resident of New Brockton, Ala., died Friday, April 19, 2019, at Southeast Health in Dothan, Ala.



Funeral services were held April 23, 2019 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. John Granger officiating. Burial followed in the Goodman Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Davis was preceded in death by his parents, Eunice Farris Davis and

James Robert Davis.

Survivors include a son: Ashley Beau Davis, Dothan; granddaughter: Paisley Davis, Prosperity, Fla.; brothers: Jerry Davis, New Brockton, Terry (Kay) Davis, Gary (Darla) Davis, and Ray (Hilda) Davis, all of Elba; sisters: Fay Lawson and Cindy Odom, both of Elba; along with several nieces and nephews.

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Center van recently had been rear-ended in an accident. He said originally it was believed the damage would not total the vehicle; however, he said there was more damage to the vehicle than originally thought and the insurance company had decided to total the vehicle.

Morgan said a new Dodge Caravan mini-van that meets needs of the senior center could be purchased off the state bid for \$25,452. Upon his recommendation, commissioners voted to purchase the new van for the Zion Chapel Senior Center.

Also during the meeting, commissioners voted to reappoint the administrator to a new term on the South Central Mental Health Board. Morgan said his current term expired April 1st.

Commissioners voted to reappoint him to continue serving from April 1, 2019 – April 2, 2025.

The month of April was proclaimed by the Coffee County Commission as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Commission chairman Dean Smith read the proclamation prior to it being adopted by the commission.

The next Coffee County Commission meeting will be Monday, May 13, at 9 a.m. in New Brockton.

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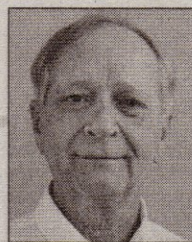
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LIFESTYLES

Lots of fun to go around at Elba Community Easter Egg Hunt

Westside Baptist Church and Elba United Methodist Church jointly sponsored a Community Egg Hunt last Saturday, April 20, for Easter. The event was well-attended, and reportedly, the youngsters had lots of fun. Below and to the right are photos from the event.



After hunting eggs, the little ones enjoyed playing on the playground at Elba United Methodist Church.



Checking out those eggs after the hunt!



The Community Egg Hunt was lots of fun for friends to enjoy together last Saturday morning in Elba.



The Miss Elba Queens were special guests for the Community Egg Hunt. The younger queens even got in on the hunting action! The queens are (front, l to r): Petite Miss Elba Armani Latimer, Future Little Miss Elba Ella Newby, Little Miss Elba Elizabeth James, Young Miss Elba Taylor Day; (back, l to r) Junior Miss Elba Kate Hudson, Miss Elba Lynsey Manning, and Teen Miss Elba Zalie McKelvy.

Coffee County Extension offers various educational programs

REGIONAL PECAN MEETING

The Coffee County Extension office will host the Regional Pecan Meeting on Tuesday, April 30, from 5:30 – 8 p.m. at the Coffee County Extension office – community room in New Brockton, Ala.

The “Home Grown Pecan Meeting” will help homeowners as well as small producers learn how to properly manage their orchards to promote greater yields. Auburn University research associate Bryan Wilkins will be discussing the topics of: variety selection, planting and care, pecan pest management, grading and much more.

A sponsored meal will be served. Call the Coffee County Extension Office by Friday, April 26, to register. There is no cost for this program.

For more information or to reserve a spot for this program, call (334) 894-5596.

CHAINSAW SAFETY WORKSHOP

The Coffee County Extension Office and Wiregrass RC&D will offer a Chainsaw Safety Workshop Tuesday, May 7, in Coffee County.

This workshop will be held at the Coffee County Farm Center. It is free to attend, and lunch will be served.

This workshop is open to professionals and homeowners. Topics will include: safety practices, chainsaw design, ergonomics, starting, limbing and bucking, basic felling and on-site demonstrations.

Seating is limited. Pre-registration is required.

In addition, there will be a very limited (8-10 people) advanced training, Wednesday, May 8th. In this training, participants will receive hands on training.

Sending an employee or supervisor to this second day training, at no charge, is a considerable savings based on if they had to send off or outsource. (Attendees of second day are required to attend the first day).

Everyone who completes the training will receive a certificate of attendance. Call the Coffee County Extension office at 334-894-5596 to RSVP – space is limited.

Open House set for April 27th at Pine Level Senior Citizens Center

The Pine Level Senior Citizens Center, located at 63 County Rd. 355, Elba, invites all to an Open House event Saturday, April 27, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon.

Refreshments will be served. Door prizes will be awarded. There also will be musical entertainment.

This event is planned to show the senior citizens [those who are age 60 years

and above] in the Pine Level area the fun that takes place at the center as the seniors daily play bingo, chicken foot, and many other games.

Information for seniors regarding Medicare, SNAP benefits [food stamps], etc. also are available from SARCOA at the senior center.

All seniors welcome to attend this Open House!

Two special presentations set for next week at Elba Public Library

The Elba Public Library will host Glenn Willis on Monday, April 29, at 4 p.m. for a special presentation.

Willis, an author and photographer, will make a presentation on his book “Forgotten Alabama” which includes images that document Alabama’s forgotten and abandoned treasures.

A light snack will be served during Monday’s presentation to all who attend.

On Tuesday, April 30, local author Sara Stinson will be at the library sharing her book, “Finger Bones.” A light snack also will be served during this presentation.

Everyone welcome!

Coffee County Republican Club meeting set for Monday, May 13

The Coffee County Republican Club (CCRC) will meet Monday, May 13, at 6 p.m., at Po Folks Restaurant in Enterprise.

The guest speaker will be Dothan attorney Valerie Judah, who will discuss civil asset forfeiture and associated issues, including protection of individual constitutional rights.

Senate Bill 191, sponsored by Decatur Senator Arthur Orr (R), is designed to make the state’s civil asset forfeiture practices more just and equitable.

Under Alabama’s civil asset forfeiture policies, police are able to seize personal property from citizens without a criminal charge or conviction if they find probable cause to believe the property could be connected to a crime. In order to regain their property, owners not convicted of crimes must go through a court process to prove the property was not connected to a crime.

Judah, a general practice lawyer, has been representing and defending clients in Alabama since 1999. She recently represented a client to recover assets seized under the provisions of the law.

Social time for the meeting begins at 6 p.m., and the program starts at 6:30. Guests will be ordering off the menu.

For additional information, contact CCRC Chairman Ed Foy at 334-494-4663.

Friends of Enterprise Public Library plans April 27th Sale

The Friends of the Enterprise Public Library is holding a Booklovers Spring Sale on Saturday, April 27, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the library.

There is a wide selection of books for sale at this fund raising event.

Money raised by the Friends’ book sales funds library projects as well as the purchase of materials for use by patrons.

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CHURCH NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

STEVE RENEAU, PASTOR
ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Easter has come and gone. All of the Easter candy and decorations are now marked down, and we get back to our normal, everyday lives. However, this is not entirely true. While the candy and decorations are being moved off the shelves and we have returned to our weeks like it is another ordinary week, Easter is not over yet. Easter is not simply one day, but in fact it is celebrated for 50 days, and will not end until June 9th! So what does this mean? Firstly, feel free to keep up your decorations and eat Easter candy (my favorite is a Cadbury Egg)! Secondly, this is a time to read to the stories of how the resurrected Jesus appeared to those men and women who were first disciples. Many of these early followers after the events of Holy Week returned to their homes or jobs, but only to find Christ appear to them as they fished or walked down the road. Easter was not over. In fact, it was just beginning. As you live through this week, I invite you to see that God is at work in your life and making the divine presence known in your midst. I will admit, it is easy sometimes to tune God out, but God never stops working and being revealed in our lives. Before Jesus ascended to heaven, Christ made a promise to those early disciples. To paraphrase it, Jesus says that God will never abandon us. You are not alone. You will never be alone. You are a child of God. You are loved. My prayer during this Easter season is that you, like those disciples of old, feel the presence of God in your life.

Bethany Baptist Church plans annual Homecoming services for April 28th

Bethany Baptist Church, located at 1805 County Road 533, New Brockton, Ala., will hold its Homecoming services Sunday, April 28th. Former Pastor Lane Harris will bring the message. Special music will be provided by Bethany's

ensemble, followed by the family of Jason, Audrey and Sara Grace Windham. Services will begin at 9 a.m. with the praise and worship, and at the conclusion of the morning service, the group will gather for a fellowship meal starting at 11 a.m.

Zion Chapel Baptist choir plans to present music program April 28th

God made a promise to make a way to save all from their sins. That promise was fully recognized in the death, burial, and resurrection of His Son, Jesus.

Jesus also made a promise. His promise was that ONE DAY all who are followers of His will be reunited with Him in heaven.

On Sunday, April 28, at 11 a.m., the Zion Chapel

Worship Choir will present the musical *One Day*, which speaks of both promises. Following the program, there will be a lunch provided by the Zion Chapel Men's Ministries.

Everyone is invited to attend.

The church is located on Alabama Hwy. 87, approximately 10 miles north of Elba. Pastor is Cary Maulden.

Elba UMC sponsoring Spring concert

The Elba United Methodist Church (EUMC) is sponsoring a Spring concert Sunday, May 5, at 4 p.m.

Entitled "IF Ye Love Me": A tribute to Music," the concert will be held in the church sanctuary. This concert will feature music ensembles of both the

Elba UMC Young Adults plan to work at Elba's Giving Garden

The Young Adult Ministry of Elba UMC will be working in the Giving Garden this coming Sunday (April 28) at 4 p.m. Volunteers are encouraged to 'roll up their sleeves' and join the group as they work in the local community!

For more information contact Steve Reneau at steve@elbaumc.com.

Greater Springfield MB Church set to observe Pastoral Anniversary

Greater Springfield Missionary Baptist Church, New Brockton, Ala., will be observing its 13th Pastoral Anniversary for Reverend Barry D. Causey on Sunday, May 5th.

The event will begin at 2:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Reverend C.A. Hammond Jr.

Theme for the day will be "Honoring servant leadership."

All are invited to attend.

Round and About With Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: A hymn of praise. Isaiah 12: 1-6

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Terry Goosby, Diane Burks, Kathleen Johnson Harris, Betty Moore, Nicole Duncan, Lydia M. Kelley, Alan J. Belcher, Ernest P. Belcher

April Birthdays / Anniversaries

Alfred Blue 4/13 (in memory)
Foy Belcher 4/14 (in memory)
Mason / Jackie Gulley 4/14 (W.A.)
Aprasia Edwards 4/15
Wesley J. Kelley 4/16
Martavious Gray 4/16
Mittie B. Edwards 4/17
Bessie T. Williams 4/18
Shakeitha Edwards 4/18
Brenda Brooks 4/19
Trey Belcher 4/19
Kathryn Williams Cole 4/20
Dorothy Richardson 4/21

** The Crenshaw County Branch NAACP's 4th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet has been resched-

uled for Saturday, April 27, at 6:30 p.m. at the Furman G. Mitchell Multi-Purpose Center in Luverne, Ala. Tickets are \$10 each. The guest speaker is James E. Long, attorney at law. Bernard Simelton is president NAACP Alabama State Conference.

Question / Answer Session Q/A for the Week of 4/25/19

Q: Zaccheus pledged to give what part of his goods to the poor?

A: Zaccheus pledged to give "half of my goods." Luke 19: 8

Thought to Remember

A complaining tongue reveals an ungrateful heart

Question for the Week of 5/2/19

Fill in the Blanks

Q: On the day Jesus was crucified there was darkness from the ___ hour to the ___ hour.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.
Eria's Daughter, Sue

Basin Baptist Church invites all to annual community BBQ event

The first Saturday in May each year is a special time for Basin Baptist Church, located on Hwy

189 S, Elba.

On this day, Saturday, May 4, the church members will host their annual com-

munity BBQ event. This is a completely free event for the community to attend as the church members offer it as a "get to know your neighbor" time.

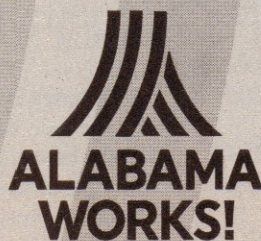
This year's BBQ will be held from 3 - 7 p.m. on May 4th and will include entertainment, fun and games for the children, and of course, the free BBQ meal.

All are invited to attend this special event.



Shaw Martin Cowen is shown hunting Easter eggs Saturday, April 20, at Basin Baptist Church's Easter Eggstravaganza. This is only one of many events held at the church for the community throughout the year.

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Wed. Night Service . 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Rev. Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

BETHEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class . . . 6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train . . . 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Tom Senn, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPT CHURCH
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST
Rev. Remonia Smith
Church Service . . . 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH
Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night 7:00 p.m.



COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Diana White, Pastor
Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship 9:45 a.m.
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities) 6:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH
Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Dale Morgan, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

EANON BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Phillip Box, Minister
Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

H.L. Buckner, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Night . . . 6:00 p.m.

Thur. Night 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 6:30 p.m.

ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
Tom Anderson, Interim Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Steve Reneau, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPT. CHURCH
Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPT CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Phillip Adcock, Pastor
Sunday Morning . . 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

1st ASSEMBLYS OF GOD - KINSTON
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH
Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . 5:00 p.m.

GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH.
Overseers - Bro Billy Berry
Sat. Service 6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service 4:00 p.m.

GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Willie L. Peterson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service 6:00 p.m.

HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 8:45 a.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting . 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Garry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 8:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Matthew Morris, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service . 7:15 p.m.

KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH
Ben Posey, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH
Derrick Stinson, Pastor
Saturday Service . . 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Service . 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Service 6:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST
Greg Hanchey, Minister
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Charles Jones, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
Dewey Emfinger, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 5:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPT. CHURCH
Olan Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Kevin Byrd, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.

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Linda Williams, Pastor
Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Even. 7:30 p.m.

NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - ENTERPRISE
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Morning Worship . . 9:00 a.m.
Evening Worship . . 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening . . 7:00 p.m.
Friday Evening . . . 7:00 p.m.

NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Will Jordan, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Disciple Train . . . 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Services 7:00 p.m.

NEW BROCKTON METHODIST
Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . 6:30 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Terry Godwin, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . 6:00 p.m.

NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH
Randall Pearson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . 6:00 p.m.

NEW GLORIOUS CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
James Starks Jr., Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Bib Stud Wed 6:00 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . 6:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Brad Sasser, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. Service 6:30 p.m.

NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH
Lanny Shepard, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Lorearl Flowers, Minister
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

OAK GROVE BAPT. CHURCH
Eddie Ingram, Pastor
1st. - 4th Sun. Morn.
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lee Jones, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON
Terry McCrummen, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
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Roy L. Turner, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 6:30 p.m.

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A. R. Williams, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . 6:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH
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Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . 7:00 p.m.

SHADY GROVE A.M.E.
James Boots, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . 6:00 p.m.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
Joe Farris, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 4:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . 6:30 p.m.

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Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
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Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
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Wed. Prayer Meet . . 7:00 p.m.

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Wed. Prayer Meet . . 6:30 p.m.

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same within the time
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Coffee County, Alabama
Elba DivisionPMC Equity Partners,
LLC,
Plaintiff,

Vs.

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along the East side of said
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Coffee County, AlabamaR. Cliff Mendheim
P.O. box 2147
Dothan, AL 36302
Attorney for Plaintiff
4/18,4/25,5/2&5/9-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
**BRANDEN LEE NEL-
SON,**
Deceased.

CASE NO. PC2019-031

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letter of Administration of
said deceased having been
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2019, by the Honorable
Steve Blair, Judge of the
Probate Court of Coffee
County, Alabama, notice is
hereby given that all per-
sons having claims against
the estate are hereby
required to present the
same within the time
allowed by law or the same
will be barred./s/ Taleah Ziglar
TALEAH ZIGLAR
4/18,25&5/2-paid

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TION 66-1.
STREET SUPERINTEND-
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/s/Mickey L. Murdock
Mayor Mickey L. Murdock
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Amendment 50 gives Gulf states stable snapper season

By DAVID RAINER
Alabama Department of
Conservation and Natural
ResourcesAfter a three-year strug-
gle, saltwater anglers are
on the cusp of a stable red
snapper season with the
approval of Amendment 50
by the Gulf of Mexico
Fishery Management
Council.Amendment 50, which
goes into effect in 2020
with the approval of the
Secretary of Commerce,
gives the five Gulf states
control over each state's
snapper season, and it
allows leeway in size and
bag limits within certain

federal guidelines.

"All of the Gulf states
are excited to finally have
this solidified and move
forward with the manage-
ment plans for the individ-
ual states," said Scott
Bannon, Alabama's Marine
Resources Director. "It's a
win for the red snapper
stock and a win for the
states."Bannon said state control
of the snapper fishery was
brought before the Council
in 2016 to manage the
recreational sector, which
would have included the
private recreational sector
and the federal for-hire
(charter) sector.

The 2016 and 2017 snap-

per seasons were painfully
short under federal control.
As a way to alleviate the
impact on anglers and the
Gulf Coast economies, the
Gulf states were issued an
exempted fishing permit
(EFP) for the 2018 and
2019 seasons, and states
were able to set their sea-
sons under a total allow-
able catch for each state.Alabama originally set
its 2018 season at 47 days,
but near-perfect weather
and an increased enthusi-
asm for catching the state's
signature saltwater species
forced Marine Resources to
reduce the season to 28
days, which ended in an
almost perfect catch-to-
allocation result.The way Alabama was
able to ensure there was no
significant overrun on the
quota was through the Red
Snapper Reporting System,
more commonly known as
Snapper Check. The
mandatory reporting sys-
tem allowed Marine
Resources to monitor the
catch and close the season
in response to the larger-
than-expected harvest
numbers.The success of the
Snapper Check monitoring
paved the way for the
Council to approve
Amendment 50."The EFP only allowed
us to set the season within
our allocation. Under
Amendment 50, we
received an increase in
allocation from 25% to26.298%, and that increase
will be permanent. We also
have in Amendment 50 the
ability to set size and bag
limits within certain
parameters. Those are man-
agement tools to maximize
the benefit for Alabama."Alabama's allocation of
red snapper for the 2019
private recreational season
under the EFP is 1,079,765
pounds. Alabama's alloca-
tion for the 2020 season
increases to 1,122,661
pounds if the private recre-
ational sector doesn't
exceed its quota this year.Bannon said most red
snapper anglers are happy
with the upcoming season,
and he anticipates there
could be someThe 2019 season length
is tentatively set for 27
days, starting June 1 with
three-day weekends
(Friday-Sunday) except
opening weekend (two
days) and July 4 week,
which will be four days
(Thursday-Sunday). The
size limit and bag limit
remain the same at two fish
per person with a minimum
size of 16 inches total
length.Bannon is planning to
ask snapper anglers for
assistance to keep
Alabama's unparalleled
artificial reef program at
the top. The loss of funding
for research in those reef
zones will prompt him to
ask the Conservation
Advisory Board to imple-
ment a reef fish endorse-

ment beginning in 2020.

"The reef fish endorse-
ment is set up to help fund
some of the research con-
ducted in the reef zones,
because we're losing some
of the funding used for that
research," he said. "The
research needs to continue,
and we also need funds to
support programs like
Snapper Check, which we
hope to expand into a better
program."As for Amendment 50,
Bannon said Alabama has
already shown state man-
agement will work. The
public is supportive, and he
thinks that Secretary
Wilbur Ross will quickly
approve."As I said the other day,
Alabama has 3% of the
Gulf coastline and will
receive 26.298% of the
total allowable catch for
the 2020 season and
beyond," Bannon said. "I
think Amendment 50 is a
success for the fishery, and
I think it's a success for the
states because the states
can now manage the sea-
sons, size limits and bag
limits that best suit their
anglers."

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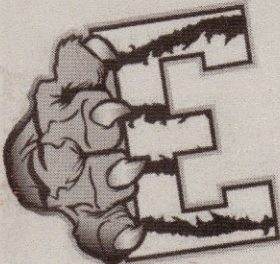
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TIGER TALES

News from
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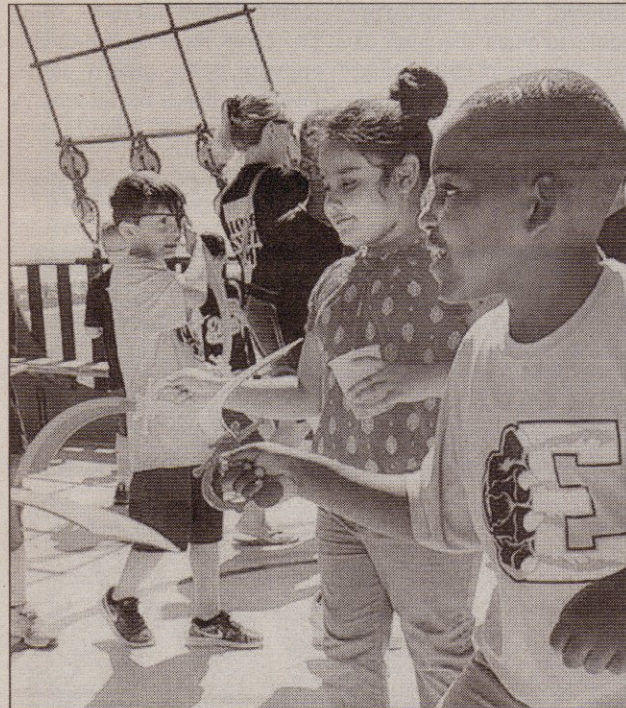


Public invited to Elba High School's Bicentennial Celebration to be held April 30th, at Elba High School

Elba High School was chosen as an official Alabama Bicentennial School this year. Students, under the leadership of teacher Anna Marie Moore, have been putting together projects to present at a celebration reception for the public. This reception will be Tuesday, April 30, at 3:30 p.m. at Elba High School for an oral history presentation of Elba's flood history, as well as, a short play by Elba High School students, and a presentation of some student projects. There will be refreshments served. Please make plans to support these students and their efforts by attending this special event.

Elba Elementary School first graders sail the high seas on field trip

Elba Elementary School's first grade went on the Sea Dragon Pirate Cruise Wednesday, April 10, in Panama City Beach, Fla. Students were introduced to Capt. "Fearless" Phil, who in turn introduced them to the wonders of the waters, shoreline, and local wildlife near St. Andrew's Bay. Students were able to see various species of birds and fish, including bottle-nose dolphins. While the trip was educational for the young students, there also was lots of fun had by all on the Sea Dragon!



UPCOMING ELBA HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

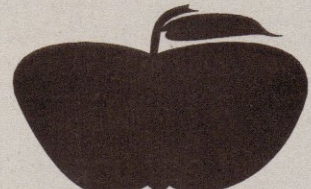
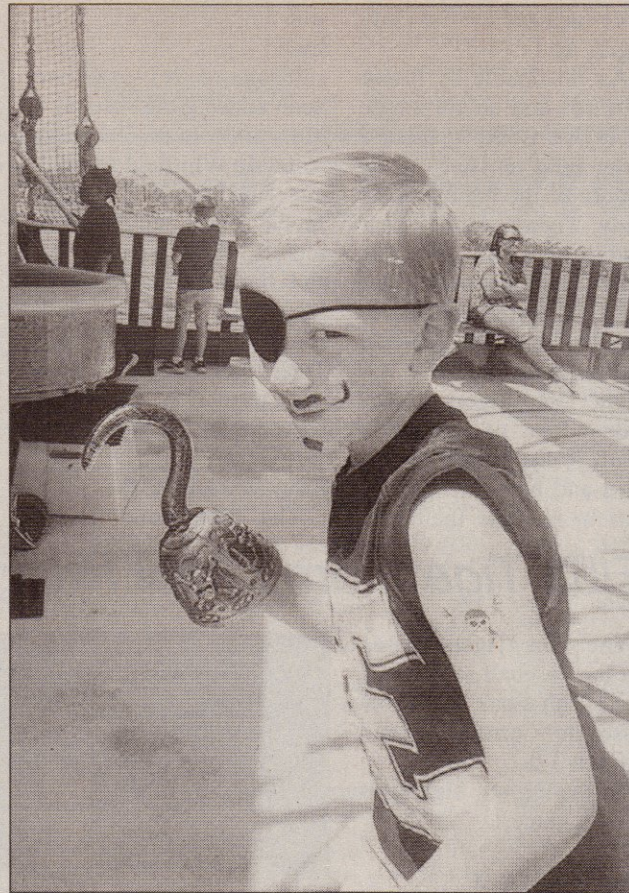
- May 7 Band Banquet
- May 9-10 Senior Exams
- May 12-14 Semester Exams
- May 15 Senior Awards
- May 17 7th-11th Grade Awards
- May 17 Elba Spring Football Game at New Brockton
- May 21 Graduation @ 7:00pm
- May 22 Students Last Day of School (½ day)



ELBA HIGH STUDENTS VISIT ALABAMA SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL...The Elba High School 10th - 11th English Honor Students and EHS seniors went to see the play *Romeo and Juliet* at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival last Wednesday, April 17, 2019. The students were able to see the modernized version of the Shakespeare play while sitting in balcony seats. The performance was given just for local schools.

Mother-Son DANCE

Mother/Son Dance at Elba Elementary School...The Elba Elementary School PTO will host the 2019 Mother/Son Dance on Friday, May 3, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the EES Cafeteria. Cost is \$20 per Mother/Son couple and \$5 for each additional son (SONS MUST ATTEND HEAD START, PRE-K, OR K-6 GRADES AT ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL) Tickets must be purchased in advance. Forms were sent home with students April 17, 2019. Dress Attire: Sunday best
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UPCOMING EES EVENTS

- April 26 Field Day
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Scholarships Available...

As the school year is coming to the end, school is going to have some events that parents will want to know. Senior and semester exams can be exempted if students meet the requirements set in the school handbook. There also are still a few scholarships open for application for seniors. These include...

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SPORTS

Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson woke up on Easter morning to find a yard covered with Easter eggs. He had a fun time picking up the eggs and opening them to see what goodies were inside, and then went over to our house and hunted even more eggs. He may be getting older, but he had a great time and so did we.

For what it is worth....

*** **The Elba Tigers closed their baseball season** with two losses, but still enjoyed a successful season, and with only three seniors on the team have high hopes for a return to the playoffs next season, and for years to come. The losses came to 5A Carroll and 2A Goshen, and while the Tigers managed only three runs total in the two losses, they were in both games until the final at-bat and had a chance to pull out two wins. The outlook is bright for the Elba Tigers on the baseball diamond and the foundation has been rebuilt for a successful program.

*** **The Elba Lady Tigers swept past Florala** in two lopsided wins and stole a total of 34 bases in a 16-4, 19-4 doubleheader sweep. While the Lady Tigers were running wild on the base paths, they also banged out 27 hits and scored in every inning of both games to improve their record to 10-9. The Lady Tigers have had some ups and downs during the season, but showed last week in the two area wins over Florala that they can be a team to keep an eye on in days, and years to come.

*** **It was an exciting week** for area high school teams in both baseball and softball as New Brockton and Brantley advanced in the baseball playoffs and Brantley posted six straight wins to claim a tourney title in Andalusia. The Gamecocks were the underdogs in a road match-up against highly ranked Highland Home, but won two straight to move on as they displayed a solid pitching staff and swung the bats. The Bulldogs had an easy draw against Ellwood Christian and made it look easy with a pair of lopsided wins as they advanced to the second round and a possible third round showdown with top-ranked Millry. The Lady Bulldogs were in Andalusia for a softball tournament and rolled through the event undefeated to bring home the big prize. The Lady Bulldogs trailed 7-0 heading into the bottom of the third in the championship game against 7A power Baker, of Mobile, but exploded for 10 runs in the inning to take the lead and held on for the wild win. In other action, New Brockton won its area title in softball with a big win on the road over Samson, Kinston continued to improve every time it took the field, and Zion Chapel found the going tough in a late-season play.

*** **In closing....** the Elba youth leagues have opened their seasons and while it looks like all the teams are successful in early-season play, we have yet to find a way to get the results and the details from the recreation staff or the coaches. Hopefully we can work something out and give the youngsters the credit they deserve as the season rolls along. Please be patient.

Bob Bush, DVM

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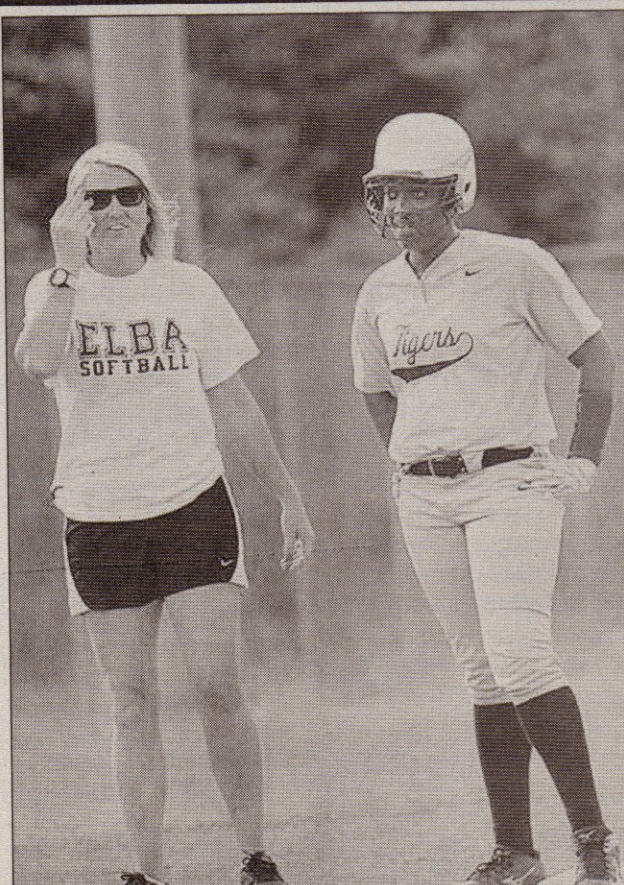
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Elba Lady Tiger softball coach Melissa Mularz and baserunner Praise Edwards talk it over during last week's doubleheader sweep over Florala.

(Photo by Roberta Gideon)



Elba Lady Tiger Hailee Layton stays on the base after a steal in last week's doubleheader sweep over Florala. The Lady Tigers stole 34 bases in the two games.

(Photo by Roberta Gideon)

Lady Tigers flatten Florala 16-4, 19-4

The Elba Lady Tigers hosted the Florala Lady Cats last Thursday night in a key area doubleheader and proved to be anything but gracious hosts as they swept the twinbill 16-4 and 19-4 to improve their record to 10-9.

Following are highlights of the two area wins:

Elba 16 Florala 4

The Elba Lady Tigers jumped out to an early 6-0 lead and never quit scoring in a big 16-4 win over Florala.

Three walks combined with two Florala errors and base hits by Makinna Gray and Jayla Gray helped the Lady Tigers plate six runs in the bottom of the first inning to put Elba on top 6-0, but the Lady Cats battled back in the top of the second and took advantage of two walks, two hit batters and an Elba error to plate three runs and cut the Lady Tigers lead to 6-3.

An rbi double by Praise Edwards and an rbi single by Jaylyn Baker sparked a 4-run Elba uprising in the bottom of the inning as the Lady Tigers upped their lead to 10-3. However, The Lady Cats again rallied and this time plated one run in their half of the third to pull within 10-4.

The Lady Tigers continued to light up the scoreboard in the bottom of the third and added five more runs to increase their lead

to 15-4. Sandra Lindsey drew a leadoff walk, stole second and third, and scored on a ground ball by McKenzie Hooks to start the late rally, while Makinna Gray followed with a single and scored on an rbi double off the bat of Aimee Senn. Praise Edwards reached on an error and Jaylyn Baker walked to load the bases, and Jayla Gray delivered a clutch bases clearing double as the Lady Tigers took command and upped their lead to 15-4.

Elba added a final run in the bottom of the fourth after Amaysia Whitfield single and scored on a two-out rbi single by Aimee Senn as the Lady Tigers posted the big 16-4 area win.

Jayla Gray had 2 hits, scored 1 run and knocked in 4 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Makinna Gray and Praise Edwards both added 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's; Aimee Senn added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Amaysia Whitfield added 2 hits and scored 3 runs; Jaylyn Baker added 1 hit, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi; and Sandra Lindsey and McKenzie Hooks both scored a run. The Lady Tigers set a season high with a total of 15 stolen bases in the win.

Elba 19 Florala 4

The Elba Lady Tigers

needed only three innings to complete their sweep of the area doubleheader as they pounded Florala 19-4. The Lady Tigers batted first in the second game of the twinbill and jumped out to an early 2-0 lead on consecutive singles by Makinna Gray, Amaysia Whitfield and Aimee Senn, then added six runs in the top of the second to grab an 8-0 advantage.

Jaylyn Baker drew a leadoff walk to spark the second inning fireworks, while Jayla Gray followed with an rbi single and scored on an rbi single by Zaida Williams. Sandra Lindsey blasted a two-run homer over the centerfield fence to push the lead to 6-0, and Praise Edwards later knocked in a pair of runs on a two-run double off the fence as the Lady Tigers went on top 8-0.

Florala got on the scoreboard in the bottom of the frame, but the Lady Tigers were far from finished as they exploded for 11 runs in the top of the third to open up a 19-1 lead.

Leadoff walks to Zaida Williams and Sandra Lindsey sparked the explosion, while McKenzie Hooks and Makinna Gray both delivered an rbi single, and Amaysia Whitfield followed with a two-run double to push the lead to 12-1. Whitfield and Aimee Senn both scored on a single by Praise Edwards,

while Edwards scored on an rbi single by Jaylyn Baker and Baker raced home on an rbi single by Jayla Gray. Gray was forced out at second after a walk to Zaida Williams, but McKenzie Hooks, Makinna Gray and Amaysia Whitfield all delivered rbi singles as the Lady Tigers completed the big 11-run inning and upped their lead to 19-1.

Florala plated three runs in the bottom of the inning in an attempt to prevent the game being stopped by the 15-run mercy rule, but stranded the key runner on third as the Lady Tigers claimed the 19-4 win to finish off the big night.

Makinna Gray had 3 hits, scored 3 runs and knocked in 2 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Amaysia Whitfield added 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 3 rbi's; McKenzie Hooks added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's; Praise Edwards added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's; Jayla Gray added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Aimee Senn added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Sandra Lindsey added a home run, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's; and Jaylyn Baker and Zaida Williams both added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi. The Lady Tiger bested their opening game record with 19 stolen bases in the win.

Elba Tigers drop final two games of baseball season

The Elba Tigers closed out the baseball season last week with a pair of narrow losses to Carroll 4-3 and Goshen 3-0.

Following are highlights of both games:

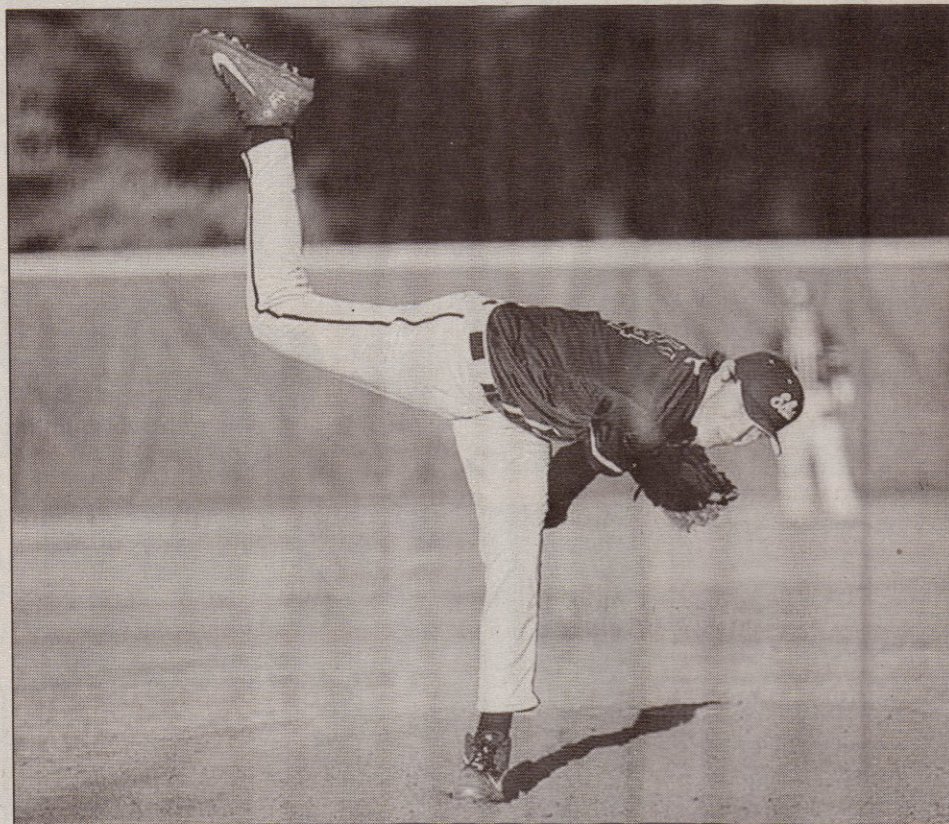
Carroll 4 Elba 3

The Elba Tigers closed out their home schedule against the 5A Carroll Eagles and saw a late 3-1 lead vanish in a disappointing 4-3 loss.

Elba grabbed a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning when Blake Swan reached on a fielder's choice and scored on an rbi double by Byron Johnson, and upped its lead to 2-0 in the third when John Martin Wilson was hit by a pitch, stole second and third, and scored on a fielder's choice off the bat of Carson Wise.

Carroll cut the lead to 2-1 in the top of the fifth on two hits and a wild pitch, but the Tigers bounced right back and went on top 3-1 in the bottom of the inning when Connor Burrow singled with one out and scored on an rbi double by John Martin Wilson.

Carroll pulled even at 3-3 in the top of the sixth on a two-run homer by Kelley, and then grabbed its first lead at 4-3 later in the



Elba Tiger pitcher Trenton Sanders delivers a pitch during last week's action against Carroll.

(Photo by Roberta Gideon)

inning when a runner was hit by a pitch, moved to second on a sacrifice bunt and scored on a two-out rbi single by German.

Elba put a runner on base in both the bottom of the sixth and seventh, but failed to score and suffered the 4-3 loss.

John Martin Wilson had

1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead Elba at the plate, while Byron Johnson added 1 hit and 1 rbi, Connor Burrow added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Carson Wise and Chanler Coppage both added 1 hit. Blake Swan took the loss on the mound as he allowed four earned runs on eight

hits and struck out eight.

Goshen 3 Elba 0

The Elba Tigers managed only two hits and never got a baserunner past second base in a 3-0 road loss to the Goshen Eagles.

John Martin Wilson and Byron Johnson both had a single for Elba's only two hits.

SPORTS



Brantley Lady Bulldog takes a home-run swing in recent high school softball action.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)



Zion Chapel Lady Rebel is ready for action in recent high school softball play.

(Photo by Roberta Gideon)



Kinston Lady Bulldog pitcher delivers a pitch to the plate in recent high school softball action.

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Brantley Lady Bulldog infielder back hands a grounder in recent prep softball action.

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Zion Chapel Lady Rebel makes a throw to the plate in recent softball action.

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BASEBALL:

New Brockton advances with sweep

The New Brockton Gamecocks advanced to a second round showdown against top-ranked G.W. Long with an impressive 10-5, 6-2 sweep on the road over Highland Home.

In the opening 10-5 win, the Gamecocks pulled ahead early 6-1 and coasted to the win. Wyatt Woodell had 3 hits and knocked in 2 runs to lead the Gamecocks at the plate, while Kaden Cupp had 3 hits, Lade Brunson added 2 hits, Russell Weeks delivered 4 rbi's and Andrew Cashin was the winning pitcher as he struck out nine batters.

In the second game, the Gamecocks pulled even in the third inning and then pulled away for the 6-2 win. Hunter Wallace had 2 hits to lead the Gamecocks at the plate, while Andrew Cashin had 2 rbi's and CJ Wilkerson had 1 rbi. Kaden Cupp was the winning pitcher as he tossed a complete game and struck out two.

Brantley sweeps Ellwood Christian

The Brantley Bulldogs advanced in the Class 1A state baseball playoffs with a 12-0, 10-0 sweep over Ellwood Christian. No details were available for the win.

SOFTBALL:

Lady Rebels fall to Goshen 16-1

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels fell behind 13-0 in the third inning and ever recovered in a 16-1 loss to Goshen. Aryn Nelson and Kaylen McAllister both had 1 hit for the Lady Rebels, while Nelson pitched three innings and recorded two strikeouts.

Zion Chapel falls to Goshen 13-2

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels trailed only 5-2 after three innings, but saw the wheels fall off the wagon in a 13-2 loss to Goshen. Melanie Diehl and Addie Killingsworth both drew two walks in the game, while Hailey Grant pitched three and two-thirds innings and struck out two.

Lady Rebels blanked by Luverne 7-0

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels trailed only 3-0 heading into the fifth inning, but never managed to get anything going at the plate and lost 7-0 to Luverne. Alexis Wambles had 2 hits to lead the Lady Rebels at the plate, while Addie Killingsworth drew two walks and Aryn Nelson pitched five innings and struck out three.

Zion Chapel struggles in tournament

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels competed in a softball tournament in Andalusia over the weekend and struggled as they lost all four games. The Lady Rebels opened the tourney against 6A Wetumpka and managed only three hits as they lost 15-0. Melanie Diehl and Addie Killingsworth both drew a walk in the loss. The Lady Rebels second game was against top-ranked Brantley and they dropped a 12-6 decision. Kaylen McAllister had 2 hits and knocked in 2 runs in the loss. The Lady Rebels final pool play game was against Red Level and they saw an early 6-0 lead vanish in a 14-7 loss. Alexis Wambles had 2 hits in the loss and Hailey Grant pitched three innings and recorded one strikeout. The Lady Rebels final game was against Opp and they were eliminated with a 10-1 loss.

Brantley outscored by Geneva 11-8

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs saw a late 6-2 lead evaporate in an 11-8 loss to Geneva. Kayden Dunn had 2 hits and 2 rbi's to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Gracie Free added 2 hits and Cassidy Wilcox had 2 rbi's. Lauren Hudson recorded 5 strikeouts in six innings pitching.

Lady Bulldogs blank Andalusia 6-0

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs pulled ahead early and pulled away late to defeat Andalusia 6-0. Cassidy Wilcox and Emory Bush both had 2 hits to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Olivia Jones, Gracie Free and Watts all added 1 rbi, and Lauren Hudson struck out three in four and two-thirds innings inside the circle.

Lady Bulldogs win Andalusia tourney

in Andalusia over the weekend and posted six straight wins to claim the tournament championship.

The Lady Bulldogs opened the tourney against Red Level and scored 10 runs in the opening inning and coasted in with an easy 15-0 win. Cassidy Wilcox had 4 rbi's to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Watts and Navarre both added 2 rbi's and Lauren Hudson recorded 2 strikeouts in three innings pitching.

The Lady Bulldogs jumped ahead 12 in the first inning and posted a 12-6 win over Zion Chapel, in a two-inning contest. Olivia Jones had 3 rbi's to lead the Lady Bulldogs, and Gracie Free struck out two batters in one inning inside the circle.

The Lady Bulldogs scored 8 runs in the first inning and cruised to a 13-1 win over Highland Home. Emory Bush had 3 hits to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Hannah Sims added 2 hits and 3 rbi's, Olivia Jones added 2 hits and 2 rbi's, Anna Kimbro added 3 rbi's, and Lauren Hudson struck out six batters in four innings inside the circle.

The Lady Bulldogs pulled ahead 4-1 early and held on for a 4-3 win over Opp. Emory Bush had 2 hits to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Hannah Sims added 1 rbi and Lauren Hudson struck out five in five innings of work.

The Lady Bulldogs rallied from a 7-0 deficit with a 10-run explosion in the third inning to outscore 7A Baker 10-7 to take home the tournament title. Cassidy Wilcox had 3 hits and 4 rbi's to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Lauren Hudson struck out three in four innings of work.

New Brockton dumps Daleville 20-1

The New Brockton Gamecocks scored at will in a 20-1 win over Daleville. Shelby Hobbs had 3 hits and 3 rbi's to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Bailey Blackmon added 2 hits and 3 rbi's, Madison Meeks added 2 hits, Mary Beth Smith added 2 rbi's, and Blackmon was the winning pitcher with 3 strikeouts in three innings inside the circle.

Lady Gamecocks slam Samson 16-5

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks pulled ahead early and pulled away late in a 16-5 area win over Samson. Shelby Hobbs had 3 hits and 4 rbi's to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while McKenna added 2 hits and 2 rbi's and Bailey Blackmon struck out 12 in seven innings of work.

Kinston blanks Lady Tigers 10-0

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs posted a 10-0 area win over the Elba Lady Tigers. Amaysia Whitfield and Zaida Williams got the only hits for Elba in the loss. The win gave the Bulldogs the #2 seed in the upcoming area tournament.

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COFFEE COUNTY LANDOWNERS TOUR... On Friday, April 19, a landowner's tour was held at the property of Jim Ellis. The tour was sponsored by the Coffee County Forestry Advisory Committee in conjunction with the Alabama Forestry Commission. The property, located on County Road 153, was acquired in 1985 with a primary objective of habitat enhancement for wildlife and a secondary objective of sustainable timber production. The farm consists of 201 acres with over half of it intensively managed loblolly pine plantation. During the tour, several interesting subjects were discussed including Tract Management History, Portable Sawmill Demonstration, Understory Chemical Release, Predator Control and Management, and Thinning Timing and Regimes Q&A. In spite of rainy weather, there was a great turnout with approximately 40 people attending.

Called Meeting for Coffee County BOE

A called meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education will be held Thursday, April 25, 2:30 p.m.

Preliminary agenda shows an executive session [if needed] and personnel to be the main points of discussion for this meeting.

The meeting will be held at the Coffee County Board of Education office, located at 400 Reddoch Hill Road, Elba, Ala.

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NO MORE CHEMO! Elba City Hall employees celebrated the end of chemo treatments for Amy (Giles) Sewell recently. Amy underwent her last treatment earlier this month, and her co-workers surprised her the following day with a decorated office and cake. She was greeted that morning with balloons all over her office in celebration. Above, Amy is pictured with Elba Mayor Mickey Murdock. She is the mayor's administrative assistant. Amy is a colon cancer survivor!

In reference to 2015 Christmas flood
Elba mayor says historical study of
flood properties set to begin in May

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Elba homeowners who were victims of the December 2015 flooding and are waiting on long promised Federal Emergency Management Authority (FEMA) and "the buyout" of their damaged or destroyed homes will have to wait longer – how long is anyone's guess.

City council members were reminded by Mayor Mickey Murdock Monday evening, April 22, that FEMA is requiring a historical review of each location before giving final approval of the buyout funds. This historical review responsibility has been delegated by FEMA to representatives of the Alabama Historical Society, and they in turn have contracted with "someone" to come in and check for historical connections at each of the home sites.

The mayor explained that those doing the inspecting will dig two holes in the front yards and two holes in the back yard of each site seeking clues of any historical significance at the location before clearing the location for buy-out and removal of any remaining buildings. Murdock could not say just how deep the holes would be dug.

This work is expected to begin in the first week of May, and the Mayor said he did not know how long after that before the process moves on to the next phase and/or displaced residents

begin receiving their buyout money.

There have been several delays in processing the damage claims from this 2015 disaster, even after local residents had done everything required of them by FEMA officials.

Many months ago excitement reached a high pitch when numbers were drawn to establish an order in which claims would be processed "until the money ran out" of the approved funds, set aside after FEMA tallied their damage estimates.

That drawing had to be redone, causing another 60 to 90-day delay in processing claims. Other glitches and major disasters around the country have pushed completion forward five to six months at the time when now no one is making predictions of when Elba flood victims will get their nickel of 'their' money.

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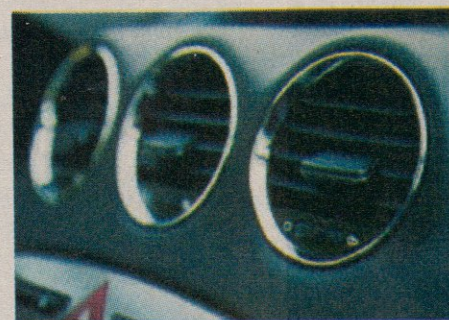
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